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MEMORANDUM

TO: Medicaid Providers

FROM: Christy Fitch, Medicaid Health Information Technology Program Manager

DATE: April 4, 2012

RE: Upgrading the NC Medicaid EHR Incentive Payment System

The Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) is pleased to announce planned upgrades to the NC Medicaid Incentive Payment System (NC-MIPS) to help eligible professionals (EPs) and eligible hospitals (EHs) apply for and receive Electronic Health Record (EHR) incentive payments in 2012. The new NC-MIPS will improve automation and speed the process from attestation to payment.

The new NC-MIPS is expected to go live on June 5, 2012 for Adopt/Implement/Upgrade (AIU) attestations and on June 27, 2012 for Meaningful Use (MU) attestations. Until then, NC-MIPS will not be available to providers for those functions.

While the system is being upgraded, the NC-MIPS Operations Team and DMA staff will continue to process attestations and make incentive payments. In order to accept new 2012 AIU attestations, DMA will use an electronic attestation template. This template will be available on the NC-MIPS website, and should only be completed and submitted upon successful registration with CMS and receipt of a welcome letter from NC-MIPS. Please note that if you have received a 2011 AIU incentive payment, the earliest opportunity to attest for a Year 2 Meaningful Use incentive payment will be in late June.

We are committed to continued operations and payments as we perform system upgrades, and apologize for any inconvenience caused by this process. We sincerely appreciate your support over the next 90 days as we build a better NC-MIPS.

This information is noted on the DMA EHR Incentive Program website (<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/provider/ehr.htm>) and the NC-MIPS website (<https://ncmips.nctracks.nc.gov/>). Please monitor these sites for further information on program updates and system readiness.

For questions regarding the attestation process or the status of your payment, please contact the NC-MIPS Operations Team at ncmips@csc.com or 1-866-844-1113.

For questions related to program requirements or the information outlined above, please contact the DMA HIT Team at NCMedicaid.HIT@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-855-4200.

